

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 34, line 19, over to page 35, line 2, with the following:

To further characterize the immune response to LMP1, epitopes that induced IL-10 secretion were mapped by screening PBMC from 20 EBV seropositive healthy donors with a panel of synthetic 20-mer peptides spanning the entire sequence of LMP1. Representative results obtained from one donor (Figure 2) demonstrate that multiple LMP1 peptides induced secretion of high concentrations of IL-10. In contrast, only three peptides induced proliferation, five peptides γ -IFN, two peptides IL-4, and all the latter responses were weak. Similar patterns of responsiveness were found in a total of 20 seropositive donors (summarized in Figure 3).

Strikingly, certain peptides commonly elicited IL-10 responses in different donors ($p=2.2 \cdot 10^{-7}$, Poisson heterogeneity test), with, for example, peptide 4 (aa 16-35) inducing IL-10 in 80% of the individuals. Furthermore, these dominant IL-10 inducing peptides are clustered within the N terminal half of the protein that is rich in binding motifs for many MHC class II molecules, see the world wide web at ~~(http://imtech. res. in/raghava/propred/index. html; and http://www. csd. abdn. ac. uk/-gjljk/MHC-Thread)~~ (Sturniolo et al. (1999); Singh and Raghava (2001)).